

FEDERAL PROBERS ON TRAIL OF KLAN

Attorney General and Postal Department Investigate Ku Klux Activities

CONGRESSMEN MAY ACT

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Sept. 14.—All the machinery of the Federal Government will be applied to the suppression of the Ku Klux Klan if it is found to be violating Federal laws.

Official investigations are now under way to determine whether there is ground for legal action against "Colonel" William Joseph Simmons, of Atlanta, "Imperial Wizard" of the order, and other officials and organizers.

These are being conducted by the Department of Justice and the Postoffice Department at the direction of Attorney General Daugherty and Postmaster General Hays. It was said today no statement would be forthcoming from either source for several days.

Chief Burns, of the Bureau of Investigation, is making the investigation for the Department of Justice at Mr. Daugherty's direction.

Chief Inspector Rush D. Simmons, of the Postoffice Department, is conducting an inquiry into the Ku Klux to ascertain whether it is entitled to the use of the mails.

In addition to these investigations it is understood a resolution for a congressional investigation will be presented when Congress is reconvened. Simmons and his principal assistants in the Ku Klux organization may be summoned to Washington as witnesses.

Evidence of the workings of the organization as disclosed in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and other newspapers is being carefully studied by officials of the Government departments concerned with law enforcement.

Informally officials here express the opinion that the Klan may be reached under the provisions of a civil statute enacted in 1918, under which persons may recover damages in the Federal courts for injuries resulting from conspiracies to deprive them of the protection and privileges of citizenship.

Paragraph 2033 of Section 3, compiled statutes of 1918, is the statute in question. It provides:

"If two or more persons in any State or territory conspire or go in disguise upon the public highway or on the premises of another, for the purpose of depriving, either directly or indirectly, any person or persons of the equal protection of the laws or of equal privileges and immunities under the laws; or for the purpose of preventing or hindering the constituted authorities of any State or territory from giving or securing to all persons within such State or territory the equal protection of the laws; or if two or more persons conspire to prevent by force, intimidation or threat, any citizen who is lawfully entitled to vote from giving his support or advocacy in a legal manner toward or in favor of the election of any lawfully qualified person as at election for President or Vice President of the United States; or to injure any citizen in person or property on account of such support or advocacy, in any case of conspiracy set forth in this section if one or more persons engaged therein do or cause to be done any act in furtherance of such conspiracy whereby another is injured in his person or property or deprived of having or exercising any right or privilege of a citizen of the United States; the party so injured or deprived may have an action for the recovery of damages, occasioned by such injury or deprivation against any one or more of the conspirators."

Even Divorces Cheaper in Gary

Gary, Ind., Sept. 14.—A general reduction in prices is in effect in Gary today. The cuts follow closely the big reduction in wages of steel workers. Lower prices were recorded in restaurants, house rents, clothing, etc. Physicians reduced their call charges to \$2, and attorneys announced a cut of from \$100 to \$50 for handling divorce cases.

Urges Aid for Nebraska

Governor Calls on Federal Reserve to Help Farmers and Cattlemen

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 14.—(By A. P.)—Governor McKelvie sent a letter to W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank at Washington, today, suggesting the reserve system operate as an agency for financial relief for Nebraska farmers and cattlemen. He suggested the board lend money on warehouse grain receipts.

Immediate credit relief for the farmer and cattlemen of Nebraska will be necessary to avoid extermination of these industries, already menaced by losses of the last twelve months, Governor McKelvie's letter said.

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MRS. KIBLER ACQUITTED

Jury Accepts Theory She Killed Husband While She Was Asleep

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 14.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Clara Kibler, forty-three years old, of Newville, was acquitted of the charge of murdering Christian Kibler, her husband, by a jury this morning in Lancaster Quarter Sessions Court. The verdict was returned after a deliberation of fifteen hours.

Kibler was shot in the head twice as he lay sleeping in bed on the morning of May 12, 1921. The defense claims that the act was committed by Mrs. Kibler while in a somnambulant state and called physicians to prove that this was possible.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION DISOWNS KLAN CALL

Card for New York Meeting Thought to Be Trick of Klansmen

USE CRYPTIC LETTERS

The American Civic Association, from its headquarters at Washington, has issued a statement disclaiming any connection with secret societies which use its name for their own purposes.

Clifton Rogers Woodruff, president of the Civil Service Commission, and Mrs. Edward Biddle, society woman and club leader of this city, are vice presidents of the association. Dr. Henry S. Drinker, of Merion, is a member.

The Civic Association was moved to action by the circulation in New York of cards signed "KKOIE." This cryptic signature is suggestive of the Ku Klux Order of the Invisible Empire. The text of one of the cards follows:

"American Civic Association meets Friday, September 10, at 8 P. M., Bronx Pythian Temple, corner 140th street and Walton avenue (subway to Mott avenue station). Be sure to attend. "KKOIE."

Cards widely circulated

Discovery of the circulation of other cards of the same nature in other cities preceded the finding of the New York card. The Civic Association's statement, in part, follows:

"Mr. Horace MacFarland, president of the American Civic Association, which was formed at the time of the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, makes a vigorous protest against the use of its name by a secret society in Richmond, Va., and the use of the name on a card notice of a meeting held in New York City, signed by the mystic letters 'KKOIE.'"

Has No Affiliation

Miss Harlean James, secretary of the association, in a supplementary statement, said:

"Since the personnel of this secret society is unknown, Mr. MacFarland asks that the press give as wide publicity as possible to the unwarranted and unauthorized use of the name American Civic Association by a group impossible to identify, but whose activities for this reason tend to bring reproach upon the members of an honorable association."

"Mr. MacFarland states his association has a country-wide membership and has interested itself only in national questions, though it has rather steadily undertaken to give assistance through lectures and similar service to local projects associated with its definite aim—that of making American communities better places in which to live."

KANSAS GOVERNOR SCORES KLANISM

Allen Says Western Farmers Are Too Busy With Crops to Think of Ku Klux

METHODS ARE DENOUNCED

Henry J. Allen, Governor of Kansas, a visitor in Philadelphia yesterday, spoke vigorously in opposition to the Ku Klux Klan.

"The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER," he said, "is to be especially commended for the exposure it is presenting of Ku Klux Klanism."

"Out in Kansas it has not yet obtained a foothold, and the probabilities are that it won't. The Ku Klux Klan gives to ush violence an artificial respectability which the people of Kansas will have none of."

"The South since the war has been handling the race problem in its own way, and it would seem a shame after all these years if this movement should spread over the United States."

"The Eastern States are more cosmopolitan than the people in Kansas. Out there we are too busy tending to the

'SHADOWS' DISTURB KU KLUX KLEAGLE

Henry Wagner Gets Nervous When His Footsteps Are Dogged by Strangers

VETERANS CONDEMN K. K. K.

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The "Kluzies" haven't taken in any city detectives, according to Grand Goblin F. W. Atkin, but his assistant, Kleagle Henry Wagner, wishes they had.

"They might help us now," said Wagner, darkly, at the Klan's headquarters. For he it known that a dank and direful mystery is putting lines of worry in Kleagle Wagner's countenance. He is being followed.

Three sleuth-like individuals have been padding after him on rubber heels wherever he goes. He spent most of yesterday in City Hall—on "business," he said, though he refused to state the nature of the business.

Wherever he went the mysterious three dogged his footsteps. They kept tabs on him when he went to lunch; they watched him in and out of the corner cigar store; they stuck to his trail until he went to headquarters late yesterday afternoon, and then, inconsiderately, when he went downstairs to point them out they had disappeared.

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